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Honorable Frank Carlucci
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Dear Ambassador Carlucci:

Following the NFIB meeting 25 September, we briefly discussed Congressman Rose's letter of 17 September concerning indications and warning. You asked me then for a note summarizing my reactions to that letter.

Briefly, I am gratified with the Congressman's continued interest in I&W. With respect to his concern that the Strategic Warning Staff is not being adequately manned, I should observe that all the DIA billets are currently filled (with the regrettable exception of [redacted]). As for the vacant Service billets, I understand that Mr. Doug MacEachin, the SWS Director, has a plan for reshaping his staff which could delete those billets. I would like to review his ideas before commenting further on the matter.

As for Congressman Rose's concern about the departure of [redacted] I assure you that we too are acutely aware of their absence. There is little I can do when one officer elects to retire and another is transferred. I have, however, assigned in their places two extremely capable individuals who are well qualified to continue the effort. Congressman Rose should be assured that management of the DoD Indications and Warning System has not been degraded in any way and will continue to improve. In this regard, DIA has just completed another conference on the upgrade of the DoD Worldwide I&W System.

Congressman Rose has focused our attention on several important--but manageable--problem areas. I shall look forward to learning more of Mr. MacEachin's plan to reshape the SWS and will continue to work the problem of providing long-term leadership for the development of I&W.

Sincerely,

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